

**Call for applications
12-month postdoctoral contract
TIERED project, Sciences Po -
INED**

Sciences Po and the French National Institute for Demographic Studies (INED) are inviting applications for a postdoctoral research position (1-year fixed-term contract) as part of the TIERED project¹. Current digital and environmental transformations raise many questions of interest to both institutions. As part of this project, Sciences Po and INED are jointly developing research on the exposure of immigrant children to environmental risks in France.

The postdoctoral researcher will join a research project studying the mediating role of environmental risks in the relationship between migration status and health at birth in France, focusing in particular on the role of exposure to multiple risks (e.g., heat and pollution). We propose to use several data sources, including the Elfe birth cohort, matched with fine grained information on air pollution, air temperature and vegetation during pregnancy, as well as other detailed information on the household's environment.

Timeline

- 15 September 2025: deadline for applications
- End of September 2025: interviews with shortlisted candidates
- November 2025: start of position

Tasks

The successful candidate work on this research project at the interface between INED and Sciences Po. Project results will be presented through presentations and scientific articles. All work will be compiled and presented in a research report. The successful candidate will also assist the INED-Sciences Po research team in defining a more structured initiative, such as further funding applications. This may involve conducting a state-of-the-art review to identify an original and promising theme, and contributing to establishing a workplan, defining the governance model and identifying financial partners.

10% of the postdoctoral researcher's time may be devoted to developing and promoting previous research.

Conditions

The remuneration is approximately €2 900 gross per month. The postdoctoral researcher will be recruited and hosted by Sciences Po, within the Center for Research on Social Inequalities (CRIS). Sciences Po is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to ensuring a balanced representation of genders, geographical areas and minorities. Applications from women are particularly welcome.

¹Winner of the ExcellencES call for projects, the TIERED (Transforming Interdisciplinary Education and Research for Evolving Democracies) project, coordinated by Sciences Po, aims to affirm the essential role of the humanities and social sciences in understanding and acting on these transformations and to develop collaborations between them and other scientific disciplines in order to produce new knowledge in a transformative interdisciplinary dialogue with its partners - the CNRS, Université Paris Cité, INRIA, INED, INSERM, IFREMER, INALCO, and IDDRI - through research, training and promotion. <https://www.sciencespo.fr/institut-transformations-environnementales/fr/projet-tiered/>

Applications

Applicants must hold a PhD in a relevant social science and have defended their thesis within the five years preceding the application deadline (i.e. between 15 April 2020 and 14 September 2025).

Applications will be selected based on their scientific merit, their ability to attract cross-disciplinary interest, and their alignment with the scientific priorities of the Centre for Research on Social Inequalities, and INED's.

The following skills are expected:

- Experience in the proposed research topic
- Proficiency in quantitative analysis methods.
- Ability to summarise and write for the preparation of publications
- Ability to present work orally
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Initiative, autonomy, versatility
- Excellent command of English.

Recruitment procedure

Applications must include the following items and may be submitted in French or English:

- A CV, including experience and publications
- A cover letter
- The thesis and defence report, if available
- An article or book chapter relevant to the project
- The names of two academic referees who may be asked to provide a letter of recommendation

The pre-selection committee is composed of Géraldine Duthé (INED, Deputy Director of Research), a member of the Scientific Council of the Institute for Environmental Transformations, Lidia Panico (Sciences Po/CNRS, CRIS) and Louise Caron (INED).

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to present their background to a larger committee comprising researchers from both institutes at the end of September.

Deadline for applications: 15 September 2025

Applications should be sent by email to: info.cris@sciencespo.fr and projet.tiered@sciencespo.fr (cc Linda Amrani, Secretary General of CRIS, Sciences Po/CNRS, CRIS: linda.amrani@sciencespo.fr)